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VICE PRESIDENT, TWINCITIES Dear Chairman Genachowski,

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This past August we held a Broadband Summit, on the historic campus of Tuskegee University, and discussed how to best bring broadband to underserved and unserved communities. Since many of our members represent rural areas, we recognize the easiest and most cost efficient way to bring high speed internet to these constituents is by supporting Mobile Broadband. We support a national broadband strategy and encourage deployment of wireline and wireless networks. Honorable Samba Faat However, particularly since America continues to recover from her economic woes caused by the recession, the FCC should Representative and Mayor, Banjul, The Gambia not impose Net Neutrality regulations. Imposing any Net VICE PRESIDENT Neutrality regulations on wireless networks will very likely impede economic growth and reduce innovations in wireless Black County Officials (NOBCO) technology that have resulted from robust competition.

Instead the FCC should encourage the private sector to Mayor, Selby, Mississippi, USA continue investing in infrastructure capable of handling the VICE PRESIDENTAND ASSISTANT SECRETARY increased internet traffic load.

> Truly Yours, BOARD MEMBERS Honorable Johnny Ford Hair Founder, Secretary General

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